

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2000-348

May 17, 2000

LINCOLNVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY
Request for Approval of a Change in
Capital (§910)

ORDER

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

On April 20, 2000 Lincolnville Telephone Company (LTC or the Company) filed with the Commission an application for approval of a change in capital. This Order approves the Company's request.

In order for its shares to be more easily traded by its shareholders, LTC wishes to effect a 30 for 1 common stock split by issuing existing shareholders a stock dividend of 29 additional common shares for each share currently held. This will have the effect of raising the Company's total authorized outstanding shares of common stock from 33,000 to 1,000,000 shares. This stock split will not result in the Company's raising funds for investment purposes, but rather will have the effect of carving a fixed sized entity into a greater number of pieces where the relative ownership shares of individual shareholders will not change. This is a common practice used by publicly traded companies as a means of making share prices more affordable for more investors, theoretically broadening the ownership of its shares and reducing price volatility. We find LTC's request to be reasonable and approve it subject to the Company's receipt of the written authorization from its shareholders, a copy of which will be provided to the Commission.

In approving this request, the Commission does not imply approval of the Company's current or projected capital structure or its current or projected cost of capital for ratemaking purposes. Furthermore, this Order does not limit or restrict the powers of the Commission in determining a capital structure or cost rate in future proceedings.

Accordingly, we:

O R D E R

That Lincolnville Telephone Company is authorized to effect a 30 for 1 common stock split by means of issuing a stock dividend of 29 additional shares for each share held by current shareholders after obtaining written authorization from its shareholders and providing the Commission with a certified copy of said authorization.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 17th day of May, 2000.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch
 Nugent
 Diamond

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1. Reconsideration of the Commission's Order may be requested under Section 1004 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (65-407 C.M.R.110) within 20 days of the date of the Order by filing a petition with the Commission stating the grounds upon which reconsideration is sought.
2. Appeal of a final decision of the Commission may be taken to the Law Court by filing, within 30 days of the date of the Order, a Notice of Appeal with the Administrative Director of the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(1)-(4) and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 73, et seq.
3. Additional court review of constitutional issues or issues involving the justness or reasonableness of rates may be had by the filing of an appeal with the Law Court, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(5).

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